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Audit Subcommittee of the Legislative Management Committee

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Senator Derrin R. Owens, Senate Chair
Representative Cheryl K. Acton, House Vice Chair
Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee
Utah State Capitol Complex
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Senator Owens and Representative Acton:

Attached is the legislative audit report #2021-17, *A Performance Audit of Healthcare in State Prisons*. In accordance with **Utah Code** 36-12-8, the Legislative Audit Subcommittee passed a motion referring this audit report to your committee for further review and action as appropriate. The audit report was also referred to the *Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee*, but your committee is designated as the lead committee, so we would like a response from you.

The Legislative Auditor General and staff have done extensive work and used valuable resources to perform the audit in a professional and thorough manner. We anticipate a response from your committee. Therefore, **for each recommendation to the Legislature**, we ask that your committee reach one of the following conclusions, or some combination of the three, by a motion and a vote:

- Draft legislation for the next legislative general session, if applicable;
- Conclude that the issues are significant but that more time is needed to develop solutions and consensus; or
- Conclude that there is insufficient committee support to study the issues further.

In addition, **for other (non-legislative) recommendations**, we ask that as part of your oversight role you determine whether appropriate action is being taken to address the audit findings. We ask that you report back to the Legislative Audit Subcommittee the conclusion(s) reached by your committee with a summary of the reasons for reaching this (these) conclusion(s).

Thank you for your efforts in this vital legislative role of oversight.

Sincerely,

J. Stuart Adams
President of the Senate
Utah State Senate

Brad R. Wilson
Speaker of the House
Utah House of Representatives